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IV. IDENTITIES OF ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR
LEADERS INVOLVED IN LOCAL RACIAL SITUATION

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Los Angeles BPP is headed by Elmer Gerard Pratt, Deputy Minister of Defense. The BPP continues to foment discontent within the black community and to make verbal as well as armed attacks against the local police. It claims to be the vanguard of the revolution and that there is a national repression against the BPP.

The BSU maintains chapters on various colleges and high schools and some of these chapters have engaged in campus disruptions during the past year.

"US" is headed by [redacted] also known as [redacted]. This organization has been engaged in a power fight with the BPP and as a result there have been several incidents of violence between the two groups. There is no information available that "US" plans future acts of violence.

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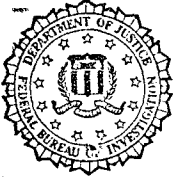
[redacted] is director of the Los Angeles Student National Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and [redacted] is the West Coast deputy chairman. In May, 1969, [redacted] presented the "Black Manifesto", which calls for monetary reparation for white oppression of Negroes, to the First Methodist Church, Los Angeles.

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The Los Angeles Urban Coalition is headed by [redacted] and is engaged in improving the economic conditions of the Negro community.

John W. Mack is the executive director of the Los Angeles chapter of the Urban League. Mack has emphasized the league's program to change social institutions so that problems such as racism could be eliminated; to stimulate confrontations between poor people and those in power; and to set up an agenda so poor people could be included in designing programs to help them. Mack related to the press that he supported the "Black Manifesto", however, he did not support the tactics used by the militants in making the demands.

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. The information set forth is based on the comments and views of local Government officials, police officials, leaders of various racial groups, established sources and public source information, and pertains to the racial situation as of the time the comments and views are expressed. The possibility that the racial situation in a particular area may abruptly change at any time should be taken into consideration.

The names of certain individuals have been set out in this memorandum either to show their status as officers or people of responsibility in racial and other pertinent organizations, or to show the names of individuals who have subversive affiliations and who are influential in one or more of the organizations named and/or in activities or demonstrations mentioned herein. Characterizations of some of these individuals who have subversive affiliations are set forth where the pertinent information is recorded so that the relationship of the individual to the particular activity can be clarified.

Characterizations of organizations named in this memorandum appear either in the details immediately following the first mention of the organization, or in the Appendix at the end of this memorandum, where such a characterization is pertinent and available.

There have been no changes except as noted herein since overall summary submitted April 14, 1969.

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